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Highlights of the JIGSAW Meeting of 31 March 1950

1. The Committee agreed in principle to use a recording device instead of a stenographer for recording the minutes. The Committee voted for a continuance of verbatim minutes and accepted the Chairman's suggestion that for experimental purposes, a brief account of the meeting's highlights by the Secretary, accompany the report.
2. The Chairman announced that the project card file of national intelligence on Communism will be processed through the facilities of the Office of Collection and Dissemination, CIA. Abstracts of the projects can thus be made readily available to analysts.
3. The Chairman announced that, for the present, the FBI has withdrawn from JIGSAW, but expressed hope that the Bureau will reconsider this action.
4. The Committee considered two submissions of the Sub-Committee: (1) recommendations for a "Priority Program" of national intelligence on Communism and (2) suggestions for projects on "Aspects of International Communism". There was a discussion of additional projects such as the extension of project "a" to Germany, interests in special projects expressed by agency representatives for later allocation, capabilities of External Research for collaboration, and problems of collection for projects such as an examination of the WFTU. The Chairman of the Sub-Committee explained the Sub-Committee's trend of thought in arriving at the list of priorities.
5. The Committee voted to accept the report of the Sub-Committee.
6. The Secretary distributed a memorandum from the Sub-Committee to the Committee concerning the possible establishment of an interdepartmental periodical estimate of international Communism for consideration by the JIGSAW members. It will be discussed at a later meeting.
7. It was agreed that the Chairman would forward the final JIGSAW report to the IAC upon completion and acceptance by the Committee, so that provisions may be made to execute the program by providing the necessary manpower and to determine allocations to the member agencies.

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